

# Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

THURSDAY, AUG. 6, 1885.

## HOME NEWS.

### ARRIVAL OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

TRAIN PASSENGER SAN MARCOS AS FOLLOWS:

MAIL. MAIL.

Going South: 8:45 A. M. and 8:30 P. M.

Going North: 8:45 A. M. and 6:45 P. M.

Persons not subscribers who may at any time receive copies of the FREE PRESS, will please understand that they are sent simply as samples, in the hope that the parties addressed may like it well enough to favor us with their subscriptions.

**Reduced Rates to San Marcos.**  
Tickets at reduced rates good for fifteen days and return will be sold at all points in the state on the International railroad.

Full line wooden and willow ware at H. HARDY & Co.'s.

New lot of cooking-stoves at HINZIE'S.

The celebrated Whittaker ham for sale by H. HARDY & Co.

Fresh lot of bacon at HINZIE'S.

Parasols at cost, at J. V. HUTCHINS.

To arrive in a few days, a full line of Magnolia hams. H. HARDY & Co.

**WARRANTY DEEDS** for sale at the FREE PRESS office.

Another lot of La. sugars and syrups just received at H. HARDY & Co.'s.

Coming—the largest lot of bacon ever seen in San Marcos, at H. HARDY & Co.'s.

Fresh country butter and eggs at HINZIE'S.

Genuine Middlesex blue suits for \$9.50 each, at W. C. DUGGER'S.

The duldest week yet. Is it the calm which precedes our "Chautauqua"?

Fans at cost, at J. V. HUTCHINS.

If you want good fresh cheap groceries go to JAS. TAYLOR & Bro.'s.

Go to TAYLOR & Bro. for your tinware.

Dress Goods at cost, at J. V. HUTCHINS.

Bacon, lard, hams, shoulders, breakfast bacon, flour, sugar, coffee, tea, etc., just received at JAMES TAYLOR & Bro.'s.

If you need sewing-machine needles, oils and fixtures, go to W. C. DUGGER.

**For Sale.**  
Lots 3 and 4, in block 4, San Marcos. Apply to J. J. CHASTAIN.

The White is the best sewing machine in the market, and sold by W. C. DUGGER.

Hats at N. Y. cost for cash, at W. C. DUGGER'S.

Overload of White Swan and Pride of the State flour received at W. C. DUGGER'S.

I mean what I say—I will sell you goods for the next 20 days at New York cost.

Nice line of water-coolers just received at M. HINZIE'S.

You can buy a White sewing machine from W. C. DUGGER on instalments of \$5.00 per month.

Evaporated apples, the best and cheapest in the market at MARTIN HINZIE'S.

Now is your time—W. C. DUGGER is selling his stock at cost.

A dollar saved is a dollar made. Go to W. C. DUGGER, and get your men's and boys' clothing at New York cost for cash.

Just received, a fresh lot of lard, bacon and hams, at M. HINZIE'S.

Bacon, hams, breakfast bacon, shoulders, lard, flour, sugar and coffee, and many other groceries just received, and will be sold to suit the hard times.

JAMES TAYLOR & Bro.

Single copies of the FREE PRESS for sale at the office, also at the book store of Russell & Ellison, five cents a copy.

**At New York Cost for 20 Days!**  
My entire stock of clothing and hats. W. C. DUGGER.

In order to make room for fall stock, I will offer my entire stock of clothing at N. Y. cost. W. C. DUGGER.

Just received, carload Royal Patent and Eagle Steam Flour pronounced to be the best in the market at M. HINZIE'S.

**For Rent.**  
A cottage in a pleasant locality, of two rooms and a kitchen. One room would be retained by the owner if preferred. Inquire at the FREE PRESS office.

Nance Brothers are having everything in readiness for a heavy fall trade. Bedsteads and chairs, piled up to the ceiling, show that they have great faith in the coming business.

**For Rent.**  
Business house on East side of Public Square. Might serve also for dwelling for small family. Inquire at FREE PRESS office.

Several copies of the Daily St. Louis Republic and Globe-Democrat, New York Sun, Chicago News, etc., may be had at this office.

Carload of the justly celebrated Moline Wagons received and offered for sale at reasonable prices and terms.

WM. GREENE, Agent.

**CASH FOR PRINTING.**—All job work, which is essentially a cash business, must hereafter be paid for in cash. Don't ask us for credit or trade in this department.

## Our Free Schools.

We devote considerable space this week to the speech of Professor Rote on our school matters, delivered at the court house last week. We do not claim that it is a full or verbatim report, but it will give a good idea of the main points taken by the speaker, now pertinent to the wants and interests of our community, and we ask for it a careful perusal.

In this connection we will state that our school trustees had an informal meeting since our last, at which the essential preliminary steps were taken to organize and put in operation our schools. Committees were appointed for the purpose of corresponding with teachers, repairing the school building and replacing some of the furniture which has been taken out of it and removed, etc.

In the start we shall of course labor under disadvantages, the chief one being the lack of a sufficient school building, centrally located. As it is, we shall have to get along as best we can till proper action can be taken to secure a school building, which will only be a question of a little time.

We hear it suggested that our present school building, with a little addition, may accommodate all our free school pupils. We think this doubtful, but it will not be difficult to have portions of the number taught in other wards, by good resident teachers.

Next in importance is the securing of a competent "head" teacher. This is a vital matter to the success of our schools, and which cannot be too closely looked to. We want a man who is not only a good, experienced teacher, and conversant with all the best modern methods of teaching, but one also who believes in free schools with all his mind and heart, and will uphold their standard boldly against all kinds of opposition.

Such a man will succeed where one less decided might fail. With such a man at the head, his subordinates will naturally imbibe his spirit, and all will move on harmoniously and efficiently.

It will be noticed that Prof. Rote takes the position that the establishment of an independent free school system in our town will ultimately prove to the advantage, rather than the disadvantage, of Corral Institute.

That our public schools, at least until our town becomes a great deal larger than it is at present, will not be sufficient to furnish an education in the higher grades of learning, and that such of the free school pupils as may desire to take a higher grade will naturally go to Corral Institute for that purpose.

The result will be the elevation of the standard of that institution—no more "babies" there. Now this is precisely the position which the FREE PRESS has all along taken on this point, and we are glad to find it supported by the authority of Prof. Rote. The FREE PRESS is just as good a friend to the Institute as he is, and thinks with him that its best policy, now that it is separated from the free schools, is to "go up higher."

We doubt not it will find its best interest in this change—always provided that it keeps abreast with other higher institutions of learning, so as to entitle itself to the natural preference of home patronage.

In short, a great step has been taken in the start which has been made for independent free schools in San Marcos. If it had been intelligently made and persevered in years ago, it would have been far better, but better now than later.

We trust that even those most opposed to the change will now not only gracefully acquiesce in the will of the majority, but join hands with them in seeking to build up a free school system which shall be an honor to our town, and attract—as it undoubtedly will—the best class of people to settle with us.

This point was not referred to by Prof. Rote, yet it is certainly a matter of the most vital importance to the future growth and prosperity of our town—no other single enterprise can for a moment compare with it. The time is forever past that intelligent immigrants will settle in any place where there is not a good public school system.

Let us, then, unitedly and diligently improve on the first step—the "day of small things" will soon be left behind—and the most satisfactory success will crown our efforts.

Mr. Sam. H. Dixon, the Austin Statesman says, is going forward with his book, "The Poets and Poetry of Texas," and that it is in press. Among the later endorsements is a very favorable one from Prof. S. G. Speed. The book will be illustrated with portraits of the authors represented.

The Southern mill-owners' convention at Augusta, Ga., was a failure in point of attendance.

McLellan & Grainger will have an ice-cream stand at the Chautauqua grounds, and will also continue their business in the city.

## Our Chautauqua--Announcement.

The San Marcos Sunday School Assembly and Summer Institute will open August 11.

The admittance fee will be 15 cts. a day, 75 cents a week, and \$2 for the term. All persons entitled to membership should apply to the secretary, S. Fisher, for season tickets. Tickets will be sold upon the grounds.

It is intended to make the opening day one of signal success, and every one so desiring is at liberty to bring their lunches and spread them upon the grounds. The directors have been at a heavy expense in preparing the grounds, and it is hoped that the citizens in and around San Marcos who have so far contributed nothing to the success of the institution, will give it liberal patronage on that and each succeeding day of the term.

A programme of exercises will be presented which cannot fail to please and profit all who attend.

The Institute will be in session from the 11th to the 31st of August, inclusive, and many distinguished lecturers will participate in its exercises from first to last. It is hoped to make each day exceed its predecessor in all that is enjoyable.

A good restaurant has been established upon the grounds, where meals can be had at 50 cents for dinner, and 25 cents each for breakfast and supper. Three ice-cream saloons are also established, and there is an abundant supply of pure, cool water.

Board can be had, including lodging, at from 75 cents to \$1.50 per day, \$4.50 to \$6.00 per week, and \$18.00 to \$30.00 per month.

All people who feel an interest in popularizing education in our state, and adding profit to pleasure in furnishing moral and intellectual entertainment to such as seek recreation at a summer resort, should give the enterprise not only their moral, but their financial support.

We open wide our arms to receive all who may come to share the intellectual feast we have earnestly endeavored to prepare, and we promise to all who come, that they shall not find our arms wider open than our hearts for their reception.

**Important to Farmers.**  
ED. FREE PRESS.—Presuming that all farmers of this county are subscribers of your valuable paper, kindly permit me through its columns to offer a few suggestions for their consideration.

It has been customary with us in this county to act separately and independent of each other, having no consideration for each other's interest—no concert of action with regard to the price of farm labor—and by this means allowing work, and especially cotton picking, to assume fabulous prices, thereby keeping us sorely pressed, hardly able to meet our obligations with our merchants, notwithstanding we have a fair annual yield from our farms and occasional years our crops are immense; such are our present prospects. Now the question is, will we profit by past experience or will we continue to give our profits to the cotton pickers? For all will concede that farming in any country is a hazardous vocation unless properly conducted, and until we learn the importance of having our association—sharing experience with each other and having stipulated prices for all kinds and classes of farm work—just so long will we continue to be poor, buy on credit, not able to spare money for any luxury except such as can be obtained from our merchants. Nine-tenths of the farms in this county are without suitable barns for the proper protection of their products and stock in winter, the result of giving half of their cotton for the picking of the other half.

I appeal to you, farmers; consider this matter. Let us have our organization; get every farmer to join; have constitution and by-laws; attach a penalty for the violation of any clause thereof; establish the price of cotton picking and in fact all kinds of farm labor, and you will witness a complete revolution in the farming of this country. You will be able to pay your merchants, have money left to make needed improvements on your place, and best of all, you can redeem yourself from the abominable credit system which is ruining the country and the people.

I will also call your attention to a fact that is the experience of all farmers with whom I have conversed, that, when cotton picking reaches one dollar per hundred pounds, a large majority of the pickers will not work more than one-half of the time. The colored element, getting ten or twelve dollars, rushes off on an excursion, and the Mexicans, working three or four days during the week and gambling the remainder, and generally with sharpers from a distance—so a large per cent of money paid them does not benefit any class of our citizens—whereas, when less wages are paid, they work full time, gather out more cotton and spend more money with our merchants. Merchants, mechanics, bankers and all professions have their organizations. Why not the farmer? Respectfully,

FARMER.

Ball invitations and programmes with tassels and pencils, neat, unique, stylish. At FREE PRESS office.

Grant's funeral on Saturday will be honored in many towns in Texas and throughout the South. It would be only proper that San Marcos should follow suit.

**FREE STATIONERY** at the FREE PRESS office. Bill heads, Statements, Note and Letter heads, cards, circulars, blanks and anything the printing line neatly and cheaply executed at this office. Our reputation for first-class work is well established.

## PERSONAL.

Mr. Oldham is out on the cattle trail.

The fair Miss Anna Zivley, of San Saba, is visiting at this place.

Hon. I. B. Standifer has favored us with some valuable recipes, which we will insert in our next.

Frank Hergin, a new comer, is assisting his uncle, S. L. Townsend, in his meat market.

Our friend T. J. Davis informs us that some of the melons of his own raising weigh 40 pounds.

Thanks to L. W. Mitchell for some further fine samples of his peaches, delivered at our house.

B. B. Rose left on Tuesday morning on a tour for the benefit of the court house. A pleasant and accessible location.

Our new lawyer, Mr. Brown has his office in the north-east room of the court house. A pleasant and accessible location.

Perry Hawkins, Queen City, Texas, made us a pleasant call last week. He is about bringing his family here for the summer.

Miss Lula Walters, daughter of Judge Walters, of San Saba, who has been visiting the Misses Iglehart for some weeks past, returned home last Sunday.

T. C. Johnson and W. C. Dugger are off to New York to buy new goods. They may also have opportunity to witness the great Grant funeral.

Miss Imhoff, the milliner for some months with Dalley & Bro., has gone to San Antonio to reside. She made many friends here who will regret her departure.

Mr. Haywood, it will be recollected, prior to buying the L. W. Mitchell homestead, had bought a portion of the same tract with the intention of building on it.

Rev. Mr. DuBose is expected here tomorrow. There is talk of his being called upon to deliver a memorial address on Gen. Grant here Saturday, the day of his funeral.

We are glad to learn that our friend Alex. Smith's family have located here. He will take an interest with another member of the Smith family—Jerry—in the dry business, and also in the meat business with Mr. Powers. We commend him to public favor in both departments.

Happening in the office of Mr. Assessor Fortson, on Tuesday, we found him at an unusual hard work. He is required to make three copies of the various tax rolls, which is a work of great labor. We could not but notice the nicety of his work. In this respect we learn he leads all the other county assessors of the State.

L. W. Mitchell has made two other sales of real estate since our last. One his undivided one-third interest in the corner occupied by G. W. Donaldson & Co., the sale being to G. W. Donaldson. The other, three blocks of Mitchell's 23 addition to San Marcos, adjoining the Belvoir tract, to J. P. McGee, who we learn intends improving it for a permanent home. Price, \$800. Mr. Mitchell has also sold his interest in the hardware business to his late partner.

Rev. Mr. French is still absent at San Antonio.

Young Mr. Adams, we note, is again with us.

A. P. Butler, is about removing back to Hays from Bell county and will locate in this vicinity.

Jeff Travis has resumed manufacturing his popular bed-springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Gallie returned from their wedding tour to Hurst on Friday last.

Frank Wash is here again. Since he graduated at the Corral he has been attending the University of Virginia.

Mr. Hinchins preached a good practical sermon at the Christian Church on Sunday. Services are being continued there all this week.

Little Mary Mitchell showed us when at her home the other day, a fine crazy quilt, the work mainly of her mother, very beautiful and tasteful.

Something of a "tempest in a teapot" was caused here last week by a letter from this place which appeared in the San Antonio Express, signed "The Editor," "making odd" persons and things very freely. While the letter was in bad taste in some respects, we regard it as ridiculous to "take on" so about newspaper squibs of this character.

After a difficult and protracted "labor" the San Marcos Cresset (heretofore variously announced as the "Tribune," and "Round-up") was actually "brought forth" on Tuesday. We learn the agency was extreme—and yet, after all, we can not conscientiously say it is a pretty child; though we must confess that its "head" (or frontispiece) is something entirely unique, fearful and wonderful to behold! We predict that the genius who conceived anything so stunning in the artistic line can not long be hid under a bushel—art rather than literature is clearly his forte!

Commissioners' Court meets next week.

Already the "big tent" looms up on Chautauqua Hill.

Wedding and Ball Invitations, a la mode, at the FREE PRESS office.

We invite special attention to the important communication of "Farmer" in another column.

The festivals at the Institute on Thursday night last and at the Court House yard on Friday night, we learn were highly enjoyable and successful.

Water Consumers must not forget to pay their bills by the 5th of each month. Your water may be cut off at any time if this rule is neglected. Respectfully,  
SAN MARCOS WATER CO.

**Staples' Store.**  
STAPLES' STORE, AUG. 1, 1885.  
ED. FREE PRESS.—We are needing rain in these parts very badly. There is a great deal of sickness in this community now. Three deaths within the last week. Names, Mr. Tom Williams, Mrs. Iann, and a little babe of Mr. A. W. Hill's. Messrs. Lowman and Howard have begun making molasses. Made eight or ten barrels.  
Mr. W. P. Holmes left on Monday last, looking for a home. Thinks he will like Lampasas Springs.  
LOST STAR.

## "SEEING IS BELIEVING."

Nowadays everybody has got into the habit of "Spinning Big Yarns" in the Newspapers in reference to their prices on their goods. One will go as far as to fairly give an article away in order to get you to buy another article.

This is all very fine as far as it goes. But you can rest assured that indirectly you pay for all you can get on the so-called "gratis principle." Look well into this matter. "A word to the Wise is Sufficient." Again we repeat, "seeing is believing." The New Firm of

B. F. Blount & Co., Bock's New Building,

Respectfully invite you to "see" their fresh stock of Groceries, examine thoroughly their prices, and will guarantee you will not only believe but in fact you will feel positive you can do better at their house than anywhere else. ju 11

B. F. BLOUNT & CO.

## The Leading Grocery House.

### H. HARDY & CO.,

Have recently Come to the Front with a Full Line of Well Selected

## STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES.

Our stock is always kept complete, and buying from first hands for cash enables us to sell at Rock Bottom Prices.

You will be surprised to find out how much you will gain by calling on us and getting our prices.

## HIGHEST CASH PRICE PAID FOR COUNTRY PRODUCE.

H. Hardy & Co., will be found near the Southeast Corner of the Public Square, SAN MARCOS.

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Visiting Cards, latest craze, at this office.

Bill Heads, all sizes, lowest rates. A FREE PRESS OFFICE.

We will duplicate all outside bills on stationery. Try us and see.

The mercury reached 100 deg. at noon a day or two this week.

Why Mourn?—A natural inquiry must arise among our people—why does the initial number of the "San Marcos Cresset" appear in the habiliments of mourning? Why should the "fond parent" thus herald the advent of his first-born?

Visiting cards, latest styles, round, square, and concave corners; plain gold and mottled bend edges for ladies and gentlemen. Send your orders.

**Photos! Photos!!**  
Photos of finest quality at Chapman's Gallery, North side of Public Square, San Marcos, Texas.

Photos, Album size, 6 for.....\$1.00  
" Cabinet " 8 ".....2.00  
" " 10 ".....3.00  
\$1.00 for framing, one for.....1.00  
Baby photos taken instantly.

This is a splendid opportunity to have your photos taken for 60 days, or until further notice. Respectfully,  
J. E. H. CHAPMAN.

**Notice.**  
The copartnership heretofore existing between G. W. Donaldson, Chas. Hutchings and L. W. Mitchell under the firm name of G. W. Donaldson & Co., is this day dissolved by mutual consent, L. W. Mitchell retiring from said copartnership. The trust will be continued by G. W. Donaldson and Chas. Hutchings under the name of G. W. Donaldson & Co., they assuming all liabilities and receiving all assets due the former copartnership.

G. W. DONALDSON,  
CHAS. HUTCHINGS,  
L. W. MITCHELL.

**School Notice.**  
Science Hall Institute will open the first Monday in September next, with brighter prospects than ever before. The free school will last the whole session. Private tuition and board reasonable.

O. L. WHIFFLE, A. M.,  
Jly 23-4w.

**Legal Card.**  
W. D. Wood and Owen Ford have associated themselves together for the practice of law in civil matters in Hays county, Texas. Office in Wood's new building, up stairs, San Marcos. Oct. 25-ly.

**To the Travelling Public.**  
OFFICE OF  
ST. LEONARD HOTEL, MAIN PLAZA,  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, 1884.

Editor San Marcos FREE PRESS:  
As I desire to make "The St. Leonard Hotel" a popular resort for stockmen, where they may enjoy all the substantial comforts of a first-class hotel, I have reduced my rates to correspond with the times, to  
\$1.50 and \$2  
per day, and will be glad to see yourself and friends whenever you come to town, and will be on hand to attend to your comfort and make your stay agreeable.

Dr. L. A. Tresler, formerly of the "Central," having associated himself with me, will be found in charge of the office, and ready to receive any of his friends who may favor us with a call.

Cars and stages pass the door.  
Yours respectfully,  
FREDERICK P. LOCKMEYER,  
Proprietor.

**I Am Agent For**  
McCormick self binder, Mowers etc,  
Jackson wagons  
Deer plows  
Caddy milky plows  
Standard cultivators  
Bookwalter hay rakes  
Wholesale Thrashers  
and other machinery and farm implements for which I solicit orders, guaranteeing lowest prices and best terms.

WM. GREENE.

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**Job Printing**  
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North Side of Plaza.

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW,  
San Marcos, Tex.

Prompt attention paid to Collecting Claims and Examining Land Titles. (Feb 1-ly)

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SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

Office over Johnson & Johnson's, northwest cor. Special attention paid to Chronic troubles.

DR. J. H. COMBS,  
SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

OFFICE—North Side Public Square, San Marcos, TEXAS.

**J. V. HUTCHINS,**  
SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

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Dry Goods, Clothing,  
Boots, Shoes, Hats,  
Carpets, Hardware,  
Groceries etc.

Sulky and Turning  
Plows, Champion  
Cotton and Corn  
Planters, Riding &  
Walking Cultivators.

Double-Shovels,  
Sweeps, &c.

**CALDWELL WAGONS.**  
Agent for the celebrated  
Winship Cotton Gins,  
Feeders, Condensers and  
Power Presses. If you want  
to build a Gin or put in a  
New Gin Stand for the big  
crop of 1885, don't forget  
to give me call.

The largest stock of  
**BOOTS & SHOES**  
in The Market,

bought only of the Manufacturers  
and don't forget that the celebrated  
**ZIEGLER SHOE**  
for comfort, elegance and durability  
has no equal.

A Large Stock of Men's and Boys'  
**HATS,**

bought at a Bankrupt sale, at prices  
below cost to manufacture.

I respectfully extend an invitation  
to the citizens of Hays county and  
surrounding counties to call and  
examine my stock before purchasing, as  
I confidently assert that I am offering  
Bargains in all lines.

Thanking my customers for their  
liberal patronage, I hope to merit a  
continuance of their favors by  
giving to every customer full value  
for their money.

Very Respectfully,  
J. V. HUTCHINS

San Marcos, April 20, 1885.

**WOODS & BURLESON,**  
PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS.

OFFICE:—Raynolds & Daniel's Drugstore  
SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.  
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Physician & Surgeon.

SAN MARCOS, TEX.  
Office and residence at Long Branch, in the Ry  
lander neighborhood.

**BROWN & LINDSEY,**  
LIVERY.

NEAR DEPOT SAN MARCOS, TEX.  
Fine Turnouts for Parties, Weddings and Funerals.  
Drummers' outfit a specialty. Transient custom  
solicited.